AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("___") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("——") being deleted:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a ~~user~~ sender location, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an instant messaging (IM) address of a ~~contact;~~ contact of the sender;

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an email address of a contact;

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a reference identifier (ID) from the ~~user,~~ sender, the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact;

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the IM address to the reference identifier; and

correlating the email address to the reference identifier (ID).

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an email address of the individual contact; ~~and~~

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact;

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an address of the individual contact; ~~and~~

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID);

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender </u>location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender </u>location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender </u>location, an address of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender </u>location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender </u>location, personal information of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender </u>location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

6.   (Currently Amended) A method processed by a computing device at a ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> location, comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> location, ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> input, the ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual ~~contact,~~ <u>contact of the sender,</u> the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol;

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> location, a reference identifier (ID) from the ~~user,~~ <u>sender,</u> the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> location, each of the multiple IM addresses to the reference identifier (ID).

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> location, an email address of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ <u>sender</u> location, the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an address of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

10.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, personal information of the individual contact; and

correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

11.   (Currently Amended) A system processed by a computing device at a ~~user~~ sender location comprising:

first receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive first ~~user~~ sender input, the first ~~user~~ sender input comprising multiple instant messaging (IM) addresses of an individual ~~contact,~~ contact of the sender, the multiple IM addresses comprising IM addresses from different IM accounts, each of the different IM accounts being adapted to transmit and receive IM messages using a different IM protocol;

second receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive second ~~user~~ sender input, the second user input comprising a reference identifier (ID), the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate each of the multiple IM addresses to a reference identifier (ID), the reference identifier (ID) being adapted to identify the individual contact.

12.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive an email address of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

13.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an email address of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location the email address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

14.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive a telephone number of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

15.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, a telephone number of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the telephone number of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

16.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive an address of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

17.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, an address of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the address of the individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

18.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

receive logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to receive personal information of the individual contact; and

correlate logic, processed by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, and configured to correlate the personal information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).

19.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, further comprising:

means for receiving, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, personal

information of the individual contact; and

means for correlating, by the computing device at the ~~user~~ sender location, the personal

information of individual contact to the reference identifier (ID).